

2015-2016 Morehead State University Faculty Senate Minutes – January 21, 2016 Riggle Room

Call to Order: 3:48 p.m.

Senators: Annie Adams (Chair), Sanjeev Adhikari, Aly, Ashraf, Royal Berglee (Regent, ex officio), Katy Carlson, Hans Chapman, Ophelia Chapman, Tim Conner, Chris Cottingham, Jennifer Dearden, Nathan Dishman, Mike Dobranski, Anthony Dotson, Lynn Geurin, Cyndi Gibbs, Gina Gonzalez, Janell Hare, Timothy Hare, John Hennen, Eric Jerde, Thomas Kiffmeyer, Gary LaFleur, Jennifer Little, Rus May, Gregory McBrayer, Beverly McCormick, Elizabeth McLaren, Ron Morrison, Sam Nataraj, Steven Ralston (Provost, ex officio), Steven Reid, Gilbert Remillard, Sandra Riegle, Brent Rogers*, Chad Rogers, Roma Prindle, Kim Sharp, Bo Shi, Tim Simpson, Joyce Stubbs, Sherry Surmont (Secretary), Sue Tallichet, Cathy Thomas, Michele Walters, Wesley White

*Senators Absent Are Underlined Above and an * Denotes an Excused Absence*

Approval of Faculty Senate Minutes

Motion: To approve 12/03/2015 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Vote: Passed

Announcements

Chair Adams made announcements on the following topics:

- Chair Adams welcomed new and returning Senators:
 - Tim Conner (Foundational & Grad Studies) – Returning from taking off Fall 2015
 - Janelle Hare (Bio & Chem) – Proxy for Sean O’Keefe Spring 2016
- The administration has responded to PAc-22, it has been approved with stipulations. The major stipulation was the rejection of the proposed time frames (20 and 30 days) involving “Notice of Intent.” That language has been replaced with the original time frames (10 and 15 days) that were agreed upon by the reconciliation committee. Please refer to the communications report for more details on this topic. The President plans to take revised PAc-22 along with revised PAc-26 forward to the next Board of Regents meeting.
- Faculty Senate now has a Blackboard shell that is available to all faculty. Some important uses of the blackboard shell are noted:
 - Surveys – There is currently a survey titled Paths Forward that will be open until February 4, 2016. All faculty are urged to take the anonymous survey. Responses cannot be linked to particular participants, and the names of people who participate will not be recorded or tracked.
 - Document dissemination – All senate work; PAcS, sub-committee reports, and any other pertinent documents will be shared on the blackboard shell.
 - Discussion board as “forum” or “suggestion box” – This has not been set up yet, but the capability is there.

Reports

Governance

Senator Simpson announced that the two vacancies in the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee have been filled; Dr. Tom Kiffmeyer for CCHASS and Dr. Scott Meisel for COBPA. All committee vacancies have now been filled and updated on the Standing Committees webpage.

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Evaluations

Senator McBrayer stated their committee would be working on faculty surveys and will meet next week.

Academic Issues

Senator Tallichet presented an overview of the, “Class Scheduling Report” that the committee has been drafting since last fall. The report notes that the faculty members directly affected by the recent scheduling change are the ones best suited to generate and implement solutions. A series of “paths forward” is offered at the end of the report, which is itself available on the Faculty Senate blackboard account.

Faculty Welfare & Concerns

Motion: To untangle the second reading of PAC-27 by Senator Carlson on behalf of Faculty Welfares and Concerns (Senator Tallichet)

Vote: Passed

Revised PAC-27 was brought back to the senate floor for discussion. There was some debate in part 8--The Department, College, And University Tenure Committees--specifically lines (146-150): “The College Dean will select committee members from a pool of candidates selected by the faculty in each department”.

Motion: To change the language to “a pool of one or more” (Senator Remillard)

Vote: (Passed)

Motion: To change “selected” to “elected” and add “tenured” to faculty. (Senator LaFleur)

Motion: To divide Senator LaFleur’s motion. (Senator Conner)

Vote: (Passed)

Motion: To change “selected” to “elected” (Senator LaFleur)

Vote: (Passed)

Motion: To add “tenured” to faculty. (Senator LaFleur)

Ballot Vote: (Passed 18 Yes, 14 No)

There was more discussion over part 8 , specifically the sentence, “Recommendation for tenure, or for reappointment in the case of annual review, consists of an affirmative vote by 50% or more of the committee membership” (189-191).

Motion: To remove “requires” and add “consist of” (Senator McLaren)

Vote: (Passed)

Another area of discussion involved lines 266-287 in Part 10—Tenure Review: “As part of the evaluation, the Department Tenure Committee will recommend, in the form of a vote by secret ballot on the, tenure or non-tenure of the candidate.”

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Motion: To remove “recommend, in the form of a” (**Senator Remillard**)

Vote: (Passed)

Motion: To pass PAc-27 as it has been amended.

Vote: (Passed)

For specific details of the discussion of PAc-27, please refer to the 1/21/2016 Communications Report.

Academic Issues

Chair-elect Dobranski gave an update on the impending meeting with a representative in the budget office, Beth Patrick. It is the committee’s mission to steer the 2-3 hour meeting toward getting specific budget questions answered. Chair-elect Dobranski does not intend to see this meeting devolve into the sort of general budget presentation that has been given in the past. Once an exact date and time is scheduled for this meeting, Chair-elect Dobranski will invite senators to attend or to send any questions that they may have.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:35 p.m.

Next meeting: February 4, 2016 – Riggle Room (ADUC)

Minutes Taken By: Sherry Surmont, Faculty Senate Secretary